

MINUTES

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

Of the

WEST FORK ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Convening with the

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2-4, 1952

The Association will meet with the Easley's Chapel
Church near Comanche, Texas, September 1-3, 1953.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION—1952 - 53

Moderator	Rev. R. E. Conner Route 2, Bellvue, Texas
Assistant	Rev. C. B. Thompson 2003 Prairie, Fort Worth, Texas
Clerk	Rev. C. J. Hearron 2326 North Riverside Drive, Fort Worth, Texas
Treasurer	George Bassham 2927 St. Louis, Fort Worth, Texas

BOARDS

Home Missions:

Rev. A. L. Hudson	Decatur
Rev. C. J. Hearron	2326 N. Riverside Dr., Fort Worth
Rev. W. H. Richards	Gen. Del., Farmers Branch
Wesley Broom	Buffalo Springs
Troy Woolf	Bowie

Foreign Missions:

Rev. Tiff Covington	412 Small St., Bowie
Rev. C. B. Thompson	2003 Prairie, Fort Worth
Rev. A. F. Ferguson	Rt. 1, Box 218A, Weatherford

Sunday School:

Rev. M. L. Sutton	2605 Skyline Dr., Fort Worth
Rev. H. Z. Cox	3312 Michigan, Dallas
Rev. J. A. Brooks	Box 236B, Wichita Falls

League:

Rev. Norman Ferguson	Rt. 1, Box 218A, Weatherford
Miss Jane Reeder	412 Small St., Bowie
Miss Joann McGuire	Rt. 1, Comanche

Woman's Auxiliary:

Mrs. C. B. Thompson	2003 Prairie, Fort Worth
Mrs. H. Z. Cox	3312 Michigan, Dallas
Mrs. C. J. Turrentine	4300 Ave. H, Fort Worth

Encampment:

Rev. M. L. Sutton	2605 Skyline Dr., Fort Worth
Rev. A. F. Ferguson	Rt. 1, Box 218A, Weatherford
Bill Reeder	2901 N.W. 26th St., Fort Worth

COMMITTEES

Executive:

W. D. Phillips Decatur
Wesley Broom Buffalo Springs
Troy Woolf Bowie

Children's Home:

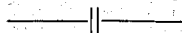
Rev. W. H. Richards Farmers Branch
Mrs. R. E. Conner Rt. 2, Bellvue
Mrs. A. F. Ferguson Rt. 1, Box 218A, Weatherford

Credentials:

Rev. J. A. Brooks Box 236B, Wichita Falls
Carlos McGuire Rt. 1, Comanche
Ted Patton Rt. 1, Comanche

Program:

Rev. H. Z. Cox 3312 Michigan, Dallas
Rev. E. E. Zoellars
Rev. W. H. Richards



PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the 63rd annual session of the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches when convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, 2320 Azle Ave., Fort Worth, Texas, September 2-4, 1952.

Tuesday Evening

Service opened with singing led by the host pastor, Rev. M. L. Sutton. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Marecle.

The moderator being absent, the assistant moderator, Rev. A. F. Ferguson, took charge reading Phil. 2:1-16. After another song, a ministers quartet, composed of Norman Ferguson, C. J. Hearron, A. F. Ferguson and M. L. Sutton, sang "Hide Me Rock of Ages."

Rev. H. Z. Cox was introduced as the introductory speaker. His message, "Report on life's assignment." Scripture: John 17:1-5.

Program read and adopted.

Assignment of homes by Sis. Sutton.

Dismissed by E. E. Eagleton, Sr.

Wednesday Morning

Song service led by C. J. Hearron. Prayer by J. E. Marecle. Devotional by Rev. E. E. Zoellars using Phil. 4:6-7, followed by further singing.

The moderator read the names of the various boards and committees and when each was to report.

While awaiting the Credentials Committee's report, Norman Ferguson led in further singing, and Rev. Conner spoke on the denominational work at large.

The Credentials Committee asked to consult with the moderator. Further singing. A quartet composed of Rev. M. L. Sutton, Norman Ferguson, Forrest Walling and C. J. Hearron sang, "Just When I Need Him Most."

Report of Credentials Committee was read and adopted and the delegates seated.

Rev. J. A. C. Hughes was given the floor. He introduced Bro. J. C. Stephens to the association. Bro. Stephens stated that he had burned his credentials six years ago and asked forgiveness. Motion carried to accept his apology.

Motion carried to dispense with reading the church letters.

The nominations for officers were opened. Those nominated were: Rev. H. Z. Cox, Rev. R. E. Conner and Rev. C. B. Thompson for moderator.

Motion carried to close these nominations.

Motion carried to authorize the chair to close all nominations at his discretion.

Motion carried that the second highest be the assistant moderator.

Clerk: Rev. C. J. Hearron and Rev. W. H. Richards.
Treasurer: George Bassham, Rev. E. E. Zoellars, W. D. Phillips and Rev. Tiff Covington.

Parliamentarian: Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rev. J. A. Brooks and Rev. C. J. Hearron.

Recessed with prayer.

The congregation called to order with M. L. Sutton leading the singing. Devotional by J. E. Marecle using the First Psalm.

Motion carried to receive the letter from the Denison Church and seat the delegates.

Rev. A. L. Hudson was introduced as the morning speaker. His text: II Chr. 7:14. Following the message the congregation shook hands with Bro. Hudson in appreciation of the message. Dismissed by Frank Smith.

Wednesday Afternoon

Singing led by F. E. Walling. Prayer by Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Devotional by Rev. W. H. Richards using Phil. 4:2-9, concluding with prayer.

Report of camp director read and adopted.

Special song by a ladies' quartet, "What Will Your Answer Be?"

The moderator appointed Rev. Thompson, Hudson and Hearron on the Committee on Committees.

The ballots were counted and the following declared elected: R. E. Conner, Moderator; Rev. C. B. Thompson, Assistant; Rev. C. J. Hearron, Clerk; George Bassham, Treasurer; Rev. J. A. Brooks, Parliamentarian.

The body voted to accept the invitation from Easley's Chapel near Comanche as next year's site.

Rev. Tiff Covington was elected as the introductory speaker.

Report of Home Mission Board read and accepted.

Report of Children's Home Committee read, adopted.

Report of Sunday School Board read and adopted.

Adjourned. Dismissed by Rev. Sutton.

Wednesday Evening

Singing led by A. F. Ferguson. Prayer by Bill Reeder.

The moderator called on C. S. May who was in charge of the program by the local league. He called for another song which was followed by a film sermon, "You Can't Win."

After a song, Rev. C. B. Thompson brought the evening message, "A good soldier." Text: II Tim. 2:3. Prayer by Bro. Thompson.

The congregation shook hands with Bro. Thompson in appreciation of the message.

Assignment of homes. Dismissed by Bro. Sutton.

Thursday Afternoon

Singing led by C. J. Hearron. Prayer by Ray Adams.

Devotional by Sis. A. F. Ferguson using I John 5 and concluding with prayer.

Motion carried that delegates to the State Association be appointed. They were: Sis. M. L. Sutton, Sis. J. E. Marecle, Sis. E. E. Eagleton, Sr., Troy Woolf, B. Harrison, Sis. Hal Stephens, Sis. Merl Jackson, Charlie Tombs, S's. J. P. Lowery, Sis. Grace Collins, Sis. Wes Fulce.

W. D. Phillips, E. E. Brookshire, R. L. Laird and Sis. Burton Stepps.

Report of Foreign Mission Board read and adopted.

Report of League Board read and adopted.

Motion carried to recess.

Singing led by Norman Ferguson. Prayer. Devotional by Miss Jane Reeder.

Morning message by Norman Ferguson, Matt. 28:16-20. Subject, "Go ye, or move forward for the Lord."

A handshake was extended to Bro. Ferguson in appreciation of the message.

Motion carried to accept the letter from Dott Church.

Motion carried that the clerk ask each church to give \$7.00 to the Pleasant Mound Church to help entertain the State Association.

God's blessings was asked on the noon meal.

Thursday Afternoon

Service began with singing. Prayer by Bro. C. B. Thompson. Devotional by Rev. H. E. Reid.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Obituary Committee's report read and adopted. Prayer by Tiff Covington.

Report of Committee on Committees read and adopted.

Report of Resolutions Committee read and adopted.

The moderator announced his appointments to the various boards.

Report of Temperance Committee read and adopted.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned.

R. E. Conner, Moderator
C. J. Hearron, Clerk

CHURCH LETTERS

First Church, Weatherford

Delegates: Myrtle Jackson, Joyce Jackson, J. B. Estes, Sis. Bill Sutton, and Norma Jo Estes, alternate. Total membership 79; members received 9, statement 7, baptism 2; dismissed 5; deaths 1, Mrs. R. L. White. Services held 156, revivals 2, prayer meetings 208, collections \$3,331.50, paid pastor \$2,112.00, evangelist \$105.74, building and repairs \$119.80, home missions \$50.00, children's home \$27.40, miscellaneous \$358.72, literature \$36.63, total

\$3,531.90, balance on hand \$118.24, value of property \$10,000.00.

Sunday School—Enrollment 57, new members 24, classes 8, officers 2, teachers 8, average attendance 33, offering \$1,717.27, grade 67, visits 222, phone calls 368, cards and letters 248.

League—Enrollment 13, number leagues 1, officers 9, average attendance 8, offering \$12.00.

Woman's Auxiliary—Enrollment 9.

Sunday School Sup't., J. E. Francis, 706 Water Street.

League Director, Myrtle Jackson, 313 Jameson Street.

Pastor, A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 218A, Weatherford.

Clerk, Myrtle Jackson, 313 Jameson Street.

Ministers: A. F. Ferguson, Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, and Norman Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 218A, Weatherford; Verda Walker, 316 Eureka Street.

Deacons—H. L. Harley.

Community Church: NE33 and N. Hampton, Fort Worth

Petitionary letter. Delegates: Naomi Stom, Helen Lowery, Moselle Franks and Juanita Powell. Alternate, Jackie Powell. Date of organization May 25, 1952. Members 22. Paid pastor \$600.00, foreign missions \$25.00, total collections \$1,548.84, balance \$606.33.

Sunday School—Enrollment 34, classes 5, average attendance 29, officers 3, teachers 4, average offering \$57.95, grade 75.

Woman's Auxiliary—Just organized, 6 members.

Sunday School Sup't., H. H. Powell, 2704 Hanna.

Woman's Auxiliary President, Mrs. C. J. Hearron, 2326 N. Riverside Dr.

Pastor, C. J. Hearron, 2326 N. Riverside Dr.

Clerk, Mrs. Naomi Stom, 1109 NE 33rd Street.

Treasurer, J. P. Lowery, 2619 McKinley.

Ministers: C. J. Hearron, 2326 N. Riverside Dr.; C. C. Almond, 2638 Rosedale (licensed); J. M. Gilley, 2108 Cavitt, Bryan (licensed).

Deacons: J. P. Lowery, 2619 McKinley. On trial, Andrew Stom, L. H. Pense, H. H. Powell.

\$5.00 enclosed for minutes.

First Church, Dallas: 1803 Browder

Delegates: Mrs. Anona Mitchell, Mrs. Artelle Cox, Mrs. Bob Morrison, Mrs. F. E. Walling, Monty Boren. Membership 131; received 30, by letter 15, statement 4, baptized 11; dismissed 12, services 104, revivals 2, prayer

meetings 52, collections \$6,521.69, paid pastor \$3,120.00, evangelist \$150.00, building and repairs \$3,085.57, incidentals \$608.79, foreign missions \$29.12, home missions \$17.44, literature \$25.00, Bible College \$38.28, total \$7,463.96, balance \$900.00, value of property \$15,000.00.

Sunday School—Enrollment 110, new members 25, added to church 15, baptized 10, by letter 5, classes 10, officers 5, teachers 10, average attendance 72, offering \$5,044.00, grade 60.

League—Enrollment 18, number Leagues 10, officers 3, average attendance 15.

Woman's Auxiliary—Members 13, active 7, circles 1, meetings 18, dues \$61.38, other \$34.05, paid out \$48.19, balance \$47.28.

Sunday School Sup't., Bob Morrison, 2323 Stovall.

League Director, Junior Walling, 4049 Bunavista.

Woman's Auxiliary President, Francis Fielding.

Pastor, H. Z. Cox, 3312 Michigan.

Clerk, Betty Morrison, 2323 Stovall.

Treasurer, O. H. Simons, 1602 Maywood.

Ministers: Larry Slakey (licensed), J. W. Guthrie.

Deacons: F. E. Walling, O. H. Simmons, Ed Atwood, Ermon Clontz.

\$5.00 enclosed.

Trinity Church: 2320 Azle Ave., Fort Worth

Delegates: Sis. Wier, Sis. Dysart, Sis. Wetsel, Sis. Reid, and Bro. Reeder. Membership 167; received 28, by letter 18, by statement 6, baptized 4; dismissed 17; services 166; revivals 1; prayer meetings 52; collections \$6,824.98; paid pastor \$3,535.00; evangelist \$31.92; for building and repairs \$2,369.38; for incidentals \$296.30; for stationery and supplies \$186.86; foreign missions \$38.29; home missions \$124.53; children's home \$81.91; miscellaneous \$595.00; Bible college \$38.29; total \$7,203.43 balance \$128.05; value of property \$40,000.00.

Sunday School—Enrollment 151, new members 119, departments 3, classes 15, officers 4, teachers 14, average attendance 125, offering \$5,724.08, grade 51, visits 284, phone calls 161, cards and letters 121.

League—Enrollment 34, number Leagues 3, officers 3, average attendance 18, offering \$1.60, grade 48.

Woman's Auxiliary—Balance \$35.00, visits 720, phone calls 150, cards and letters 163.

Sunday School Sup't., G. A. Wetzels, 2519, Market.

League Director, C. S. Mays, 2804 Rosen.

Woman's Auxiliary President, Mrs. M. L. Sutton,
2605 Skyline Dr.

Pastor, M. L. Sutton, 2605 Skyline Dr.

Clerk, Mrs. Owen L. Barger, 2301 Ross Ave.

Treasurer, C. B. Weir, 309 Long Ave.

Ministers: H. E. Reid, Braxton Chaffin (licensed).

Deacons: George Bassham, George Wetzell, Frank
Smith, J. T. Reeder.

First Church, Fort Worth: 2001 Prairie Ave.

Delegates: Mrs. Barbara Killough, Mrs. Eva Cosby,
Mrs. Valeira Hunter, Mrs. E. E. Eagleton Sr., Bro. Adams.
Membership 137; received 21, by letter 1, statement 16,
baptized 4; dismissed 20; services 161; number revivals 1;
prayer meetings 52. Collections \$6,848.19, paid pastor
\$2,600.00, evangelist \$100.00, building and repairs \$2,218.-
37, incidentals \$328.97, stationery and supplies \$164.89,
foreign missions \$21.59, home missions \$10.00, miscellane-
ous \$534.04, Bible college \$39.57, total \$6,017.43, balance
\$945.48, value property \$25,000.00.

Sunday School—Enrollment 130, new members 52,
classes 8, officers 2, teachers 7, average attendance 82,
average offering \$74.90, grade 54, visits 572, phone calls
624, cards and letters 832.

Woman's Auxiliary—Members 12, active 12, circles 1,
meetings 8, dues \$17.00, paid out \$7.00, balance \$10.00,
visits 16, phone calls 52, cards and letters 45.

Sunday School Sup't., Jack Lucas, 2919 Azle.

Woman's Auxiliary President, Mrs. C. B. Thompson,
2003 Prairie Ave.

Pastor, C. B. Thompson, 2003 Prairie Ave.

Clerk, H. W. Hunter, 2017 Prairie Ave.

Treasurer, J. H. Cosby, 617 Frontier Ave.

Ministers: Frank Bennett, H. C. St. John (licensed).

West Side Church, Midland

Petitionary letter. Delegates: E. C. Brookshire, Joe
Denton, Grace Brookshire and Vonnice Rodgers. Member-
ship 16; received 4, baptized 4; collections \$515.87; paid
out \$261.15.

Sunday School—Average attendance 35, officers 6,
teachers 3.

Pastor, J. C. Armstrong, Andrews, Texas.

Clerk, Mrs. Jynell McLeroy, 1410 S. Loraine.

Treasurer, Dean Rodgers, 803 S. Mineola.

\$5.00 enclosed.

First Church, Midland

Delegates: Bro. and Sis. J. C. Stevens. Membership 62; received 34, by statement 10, baptized 24; dismissed 15; services 156; revivals 3; prayer meetings 52. Collections \$1,774.93, paid pastor \$1,240.00, evangelist \$194.00, building and repairs \$25.00, value of property \$5,000.00.

Sunday School—Enrollment 60, new members 15, classes 5, officers 3, teachers 5, average attendance 50, offering \$65.00.

League—Enrollment 30, officers 4, average attendance 25, offering \$30.00.

Sunday School Sup't., W. F. Medart, 800 S. Terrell.
League Director, L. C. Pinson, 2407 Rankin Road.

Pastor, J. A. C. Hughes, Rt. 1.

Clerk, Mrs. W. F. Medart, 800 S. Terrell.

Treasurer, R. M. Cox, Rt. 1.

Ministers: Burton Hughes, Alfred Savage.

Deacons: Burt S. Onley, R. M. Cox, W. F. Medart,
R. M. Cox.

First Church, Denton:

Delegates: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Runions and R. L. Laird. Membership 88; received 8, by statement 5, baptized 3; dismissed 2; deaths 1, John H. Bennett; services 156; prayer meetings 104. Collections \$2,000.00. building and repairs \$800.00, paid pastor nothing, miscellaneous \$900.00, literature \$10.00, Bible college \$8.00, balance \$42.27, value of property \$500.00.

Sunday School—Enrolled 72, classes 5, officers 2, teachers 5, average attendance 45, offering \$20.00, grade 80, visits 50, phone calls 30, cards and letters 30.

Leagues 25, number leagues 2, officers 3, average attendance 20, offering \$2.00, grade 80.

Woman's Auxiliary—Members 12, active 6, meetings 25, dues \$2.38, other \$224.68, paid out \$224.68, visits 30, phone calls 50, cards and letters 2.

Sunday School Superintendent, A. T. Meadows.

League Director, Harold Sheets, Argyle, Texas.

W.A. President, Mrs. W. H. Richards, 1021 Cleveland.

Pastor, W. H. Richards, 1021 Cleveland.

Clerk, Mrs. J. A. Laird, 915 Chestnut.

First Church, Wichita Falls

Petitionary letter. Delegates: Clemmie Holmes, Ray Hunn; Junior Brooks, Letha Turner, and Edith Brooks. Membership 41, services 72, revivals 1, prayer meetings

36, collections \$3,616.63, paid pastor \$1,008.00, lot \$1,250.00, incidentals \$414.86, stationery and supplies \$70.07, miscellaneous \$102.66, literature \$9.22, total \$2,775.52, balance \$910.40, value of property \$1,565.00.

Sunday School—Enrollment 39, classes 4, officers 2, teachers 4, average attendance 27, offering \$330.67.

Woman's Auxiliary—Members 15, active 15, dues \$44.25, other \$371.17, paid out \$403.52, balance \$11.90.

Sunday School Superintendent, G. W. Covington, 3202 Grant.

W.A. President, Edna Goodwin, 1307 Austin.

Pastor, J. A. Brooks, Box 236B.

Clerk, Mrs. G. W. Covington, 3202 Grant.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Toombs, 2305 Grant.

Ministers: O. H. Washburn (licensed), and Freddie Thomas (licensed).

Deacons: G. W. Covington, R. L. Bates, A. C. Jones, C. R. Toombs.

First Church, Denison

Delegates: Mary Helen Feath, Martha Fulce, Estella Raines. Membership 33, received 3, services 161, revivals 1, prayer meetings 52, collections \$1,008.54, paid pastor \$632.71, evangelist \$12.00, children's home \$22.00, miscellaneous \$158.11, literature \$28.07, total \$1,014.35, balance \$13.70.

Sunday School—Enrollment 35, classes 4, teachers 4, average attendance 28.

Clerk, Gladys Fulce, 605 E. Acheson.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. L. Fulce, 605 E. Acheson.

Deacons: W. L. Fulce, J. O. Higgins.

Enclosed \$5.00.

First Church, Waco: 1901 S. 12th Street

Delegates: Mrs. Jasper, Mrs. Keith, Mrs. Lola Peppers, Mrs. Rancher, Mrs. J. E. Marele. Membership 91; received 22, by letter 12, statement 5, baptized 5; dismissed 6; deaths 3. Walter Rancher, Mrs. W. R. McGregor, Mrs. I. M. Maricle; revivals 1. Collections \$2,016.58, paid pastor \$1,826.64, evangelist \$117.80, building and repairs \$18.02, incidentals \$52.78, stationery and supplies \$82.58, miscellaneous \$214.61, literature \$13.59, total \$2,356.52, balance \$415.18, value of property \$3,050.00.

Sunday School—Enrollment 72, new members 25, classes 4, officers 2, teachers 4, average attendance 49, offering \$536.69, grade 75, cards and letters 400.

Sun. School Sup't., Layton Marecle, 4345 Memorial Dr.
Pastor, J. E. Marecle, Rt. 9, Box 2179.
Clerk, Mrs. J. E. Marecle, Rt. 9, Box 2179.
Treasurer, Layton Marecle, 4345 Memorial Dr.
\$5.00 enclosed.

Bowie Church: 501 Strong Street

Delegates: Mrs. Tiff Covington, Troy Woolf, Mrs. Troy Woolf. Membership 70; received 20, by letter 7, statement 3, baptized 10; dismissed 5; services 160; revivals 2; prayer meetings 45. Collections \$6,127.77, paid pastor \$1,114.07, evangelist \$236.40, building and repairs \$4,223.63, foreign missions \$36.47, home missions \$49.00, miscellaneous \$153.99, Bible college \$11.33, balance \$302.-88, value of property \$8,000.00.

Sunday School—Enrolled 70, new members 20, added to church 3, classes 4, officers 3, teachers 4, average attendance 45.

Woman's Auxiliary—Members 10, active 5, meetings 6, collected \$56.90, paid out \$6.48, cards and letters 6. Sunday School Superintendent, Dick Avery.

W.A. President, Mrs. Will Brown.

Pastor, Tiff Covington, 412 Small Street.

Clerk; Mrs. L. R. Avery.

Treasurer, Mrs. Troy Woolf.

Ministers: Will Brown.

Deacons: Floyd Hendrix, Troy Woolf, Dick Avery, Elton Winton, Troy Lovelady.

Buffalo Springs Church:

Delegates: Cora Cozart, Lillian White, Eva Conner. Membership 184; received 12, by letter 1, statement 2, baptized 9; dismissed 11; deaths 2, Rosa Shultz, John Shultz; services 130; revivals 1; prayer meetings 52. Collections \$2,332.47, paid pastor \$1,187.50, evangelist \$154.-85, building and repair \$388.79, home missions \$55.07, Children's Home \$80.00, miscellaneous \$151.82, literature \$14.76, total \$1,954.79, balance \$609.80, value of property \$5,000.00.

Sunday School—Enrolled 80, new members 22, added to church 5, baptized 3, letter 1, statement 1, classes 5, officers 4, teachers 10, average attendance 67, offering \$1,057.79, grade 83, visits 53, phone calls 25.

Woman's Auxiliary—Members 35, active 20, circles 1, meetings 11, dues \$60.23, other \$40.70, paid out \$39.21,

balance \$63.95, visits 411, phone calls 8, cards and letters 182.

Sunday School Sup't., J. O. Jones, Rt. 2, Bellvue.

W.A. President, Mrs. R. E. Conner, Rt. 2, Bellvue.

Pastor, R. E. Conner, Rt. 2, Bellvue.

Deacons: J. W. Broom, J. M. Inman, J. O. Jones, Johnnie Treadwell, L. J. White, Ben White.

Enclosed \$5.00.

First Church, Comanche

Delegates: H. S. Hughes, Mrs. Raymond Lane. Membership 37; received 6, by letter 4, statement 2; prayer meetings 52. Collections \$401.03, paid pastor \$311.80, incidentals \$85.15, value of property \$1,500.00.

Sunday School—Enrolled 36, classes 4, officers 2, teachers 4.

Sunday School Superintendent, Raymond Lane.

Pastor, Harold Sheets, Argyle.

Clerk, Jewel Haynes.

Treasurer, Irene Lane.

Dott Church

Delegates: none. Membership 74; received 7, by letter 4, statement 2, baptized 1; dismissed 6; services 98; revivals 1; prayer meetings 52. Collection \$451.02, paid pastor \$404.72, evangelist \$100.00, building and repair \$60.00, stationery and supplies \$13.00, literature \$30.72, total \$608.44, balance \$20.71.

Sunday School—Enrolled 51, new members 15, classes 3, officers 2, teachers 3, average attendance 23, \$1.81, cards and letters 15.

Sunday School Superintendent, Ernest Conway, Waco.

Pastor, Joe H. Haney, Bryan.

Clerk, Mrs. J. D. Haddock.

Treasurer, J. D. Haddock.

Minister: L. M. Parton.

Deacons: James H. Marecle, B. B. Phelps.

Bonnie View Church: 3351 Springview, Dallas.

Delegates: Sis. Fielding, Sis. Nevels, Sis. Stephens and Bro. Fielding. Membership 30; received 11, by letter 3, statement 5, baptized 3; dismissed 4; services 165; revivals 2; prayer meetings 48. Collections \$1,684.43, paid pastor \$685.00, evangelist \$120.00, building and repair \$624.00, stationery and supplies \$6.40, foreign missions \$10.68, home missions \$40.00, miscellaneous \$345.63, total

\$1,831.71, balance \$220.78, value of property \$6,000.00.

Sunday School—Enrolled 30, added to church 2, baptized 2, classes 4, officers 2, teachers 4, average attendance 22, offering \$975.90.

Woman's Auxiliary—Members 14, active 10, circles 1, meetings 14, collections \$22.87, paid out \$21.87, balance \$8.13.

Sunday School Sup't., Dale Smith, 3906 Denley Dr.
W.A. President, Lottie Stephens, 1818 Gary.

Pastor, C. J. Turrentine, 4300 Ave. II, Fort Worth.
Clerk, Lottie Stephens, 1818 Gary.

Treasurer, Dale Smith, 3906 Denley Dr.

Ministers: 'A. J. Fielding, 2206 Vilbig Rd., W. V. Kennedy, 817 Gray Rd., E. E. Zoellars.

Deacons: Howell Stephens, Dale Smith, C. M. Maxwell, Fred King.

\$2.00 enclosed.

Easley's Chapel, Comanche.

Delegates: Carlos McGuire, Joan McGuire, Ted Patton, Will Bradshaw, Montie Brinson. Membership 164; received 10, by letter 3, statement 1, baptized 5, waiting baptism 1; dismissed 9; deaths 2, J. W. Brinson and Mrs. Dave Wilson; services 38; revivals 1; prayer meetings 48. Collections \$946.95, paid pastor \$379.00, evangelist \$113.00, building and repair \$239.14, incidentals \$31.13, stationery and supplies \$16.50, home missions \$47.12, miscellaneous \$215.85, literature \$38.98, total \$1,103.70, balance \$113.08, value of property \$7,000.00.

Sunday School—Enrolled 79, new members 10, classes 5, officers 4, teachers 5, average attendance 38, offering \$18.55, visits 8.

Sunday School Sup't., Garland Collins, Rt. 1.

Pastor, W. A. Hearn, 506 E. Tahlequah, Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Clerk, Mrs. J. A. Brinson, Rt. 1.

Treasurer, Alton Kirkland.

Ministers: R. H. Rogers, Ted Patton (licensed).

Deacons: W. B. McGuire, C. B. McGuire, P. J. Easley, W. A. Irby, Homer Williams.

Invitation for next session.

\$5.00 enclosed.

New Salem Church, Decatur

Delegates: Luther Anderson, Sis. Hudson, Sis. Prince. Membership 77; received 7, by letter 2, statement 1, baptized 4; dismissed 4, deaths 2, J. H. Brown and Frank Miller; services 128; prayer meetings 52; revivals 1. Collections \$1,959.38, paid pastor \$950.00, evangelist \$75.00, building and repair \$420.00, incidentals \$23.00, stationery and supplies \$10.00, home missions \$30.00, Children's Home \$20.00, literature \$12.00, Bible college \$61.00, total \$1,684.20, balance \$355.16, value of property \$4,000.00.

Sunday School—Enrolled 57, new members 5, added to church 3, classes 5, officers 2, teachers 5, average attendance 50, offering \$30.80, grade 65.

Pastor, A. L. Hudson, Decatur.

Clerk-Treasurer, W. D. Phillips.

Minister: Kenneth Emerson.

Deacons: W. D. Phillips, J. W. Taylor, Fred Anderson.

Enclosed \$5.00.

R E P O R T S

Credentials Committee:

We find the following churches in order: First Church, Comanche, \$5.00, two delegates; Trinity Church, Fort Worth, \$10.00, five delegates; First Church, Weatherford, \$5.00, five delegates; First Church, Fort Worth, \$10.00, five delegates; First Church, Waco, \$5.00, five delegates; First Church, Dallas, \$10.00, five delegates; Bonnie View, Dallas, \$5.00, four delegates; First Church, Denton, \$5.00, four delegates; Easley's Chapel, Comanche, \$10.00, three delegates; New Salem, Decatur, \$5.00, three delegates; Pleasant Mound, Buffalo Springs, \$10.00, three delegates; First Church, Bowie, \$5.00, three delegates; First Church, Midland, \$5.00, two delegates.

Three petitionary letters: Community Church, Fort Worth, \$5.00, five delegates; First Church, Wichita Falls, \$5.00, five delegates; West Side Church, Midland, \$5.00, four delegates.

Dott Church, Chilton, \$5.00, no delegates; arriving late First Church, Denison, \$5.00, three delegates.

Camp Director:

Brethren, as Director of the West Fork Free Will Baptist Encampment, please allow me to make the following report and recommendations.

Our encampment was a grand success again this year with a larger enrollment than last year. We were better organized, and of course we all had more experience in camp work than we had last year. We had more classes this year because we had more varied ages. The teachers did a fine job and already parents are telling us how much good the camp did their children. Thirteen of the boys and girls were saved, one rededication, and two reported that they are called to special service.

We feel that the mountain top of the day was always reached in the camp fire services. Those who told the Bible stories were surely inspired of the Lord. These services certainly did make a great impression on our children.

As an added attraction, Brother Norman Ferguson brought his movie projector to our camp and we had three fine pictures during the week which stirred our hearts and inspired us to strive for better Christian living. We were able to secure the services of the same two fine colored people who cooked for us last year, and the food was plenteous, wholesome, and delicious.

Our only regret is that more of our people did not take advantage of the wonderful fellowship, the inspiring classes, and soul-stirring worship services we enjoyed. All of the expense of the camp was paid out of the registration fees. All bills have been paid.

Now, brethren, I would like to recommend that the association continue to sponsor the camp, and that we endeavor to secure property and build our own camp. I further recommend that the association set up a board of three members to organize and superintend the encampment, and which shall be constituted a board of trustees if and when we can own our own camp property. I further recommend that this board be authorized to raise funds with which to purchase real estate and erect camp buildings.

Humbly submitted,
M. L. Sutton

Home Missions Report:

The Home Missions Board investigated a report from Rev. J. A. Brooks that a church building at Wichita Falls was for sale for \$2,750.00. The board gave its consent to purchase the building if it was worth the money. Rev. M. L. Sutton and Rev. C. J. Hearron were authorized to

make the investigation. The building had been used by the Assembly of God people.

Upon discussing the situation, the men were told the building could be purchased with \$500.00 down, and the rest could be paid in any way during the next year, the note becoming due October 19, 1952, and the building to be moved off the lot by January, 1953. The initial payment was made, and the church at Wichita Falls was organized November 15, 1951.

Financial report:

Balance brought forward	\$610.94
Trinity Church	\$124.53
Weatherford Church	50.00
Gartman's View	48.89
Pleasant Mound	48.65
Bonnie View	40.00
New Salem	30.00
Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Turrentine	6.00
Mrs. J. A. Brooks	1.00
Total receipts	356.32
Grand total	967.26
Paid Emmett Rogers down payment	500.00
Balance in treasury	\$467.26

C. J. Hearron, Treasurer

Children's Home Committee:

Trinity	\$81.91
First Church, Dallas	13.00
Weatherford	27.40
Denison	22.00
Pleasant Mound	70.00
Decatur	20.00
Bonnie View	Clothes

Mrs. R. E. Conner, Chairman

Foreign Missions Board:

We, your Foreign Missions Board, report as follows: As a denomination we are going forward, but we urge that our people take a greater interest in our mission work both at home and abroad.

Our missionaries who have returned have given a very encouraging report, and those who are still on the field report that our work is still going forward with success.

Also we have others who are awaiting the time and means to take their leave for foreign fields. May we do

all we can to make it possible for their going and to sustain those who are there.

/s/ A. F. Ferguson, A. T. Covington, J. A. Brooks

League Board:

Number Leagues 8, total enrollment 120, number officers 22, average attendance 86, offering \$35.60, churches with Leagues 5.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash on hand October 1, 1952, \$97.64; paid Texas State Association, \$15.00; paid Sis. Ferguson (paper and ribbon), \$4.43; total paid out, \$19.43; balance in treasury \$78.21.

G. R. Bassham, Treasurer

Obituary Committee:

We, the Obituary Committee, submit the following report of deaths: Weatherford—Sis. R. L. White; Denton—John H. Bennett; New Salem—J. H. Brown, Frank Miller; Gartman's View—J. W. Brinson, Sis. Dave Wilson; Pleasant Mound—John and Rosa Shultz; Waco—Walter Rancher, Sis. McGregor, Sis. J. M. Marecle.

We wish to express our love and sympathy to the loved ones of these our brothers and sisters who have gone, and we ask that as a body we stand for a moment in silent prayer.

/s/ Tiff Covington, Lillian White, H. Z. Cox

Resolutions Committee:

1. Resolved that we as ministers and churches strive and pray for love and union, also real fellowship throughout our work.

2. We also resolve to give a rising vote of thanks to this church, pastor and wife, also the other churches of Fort Worth for the royal way they have entertained this association.

/s/ J. A. Brooks, J. E. Marecle, C. B. Thompson

Temperance Committee:

We request that all pastors, teachers, and leaders in our churches strive to be temperate in all things, as God's Word teaches us, in order to have a more victorious Christian life; to do all we can to put down all immorality, and to teach the terrible danger of yielding to temptation.

Norman Ferguson, Chairman

C O N S T I T U T I O N
Of The
WEST FORK ASSOCIATION
of

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Revised by order of the Association August 29, 1951

Preamble

From long experience we the members of the Church of God, denominated Free Will Baptist, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the expediency of an association of churches to better perpetuate our union, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better government.

Article 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be, The West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches.

Article 2. Membership

This association shall be composed of delegates duly elected, or appointed by, and from the membership of the various churches in Texas which have entered into, and which shall hereafter enter into, the agreements set forth in this constitution.

1. Each church shall have equal representation, the number of delegates not exceeding five.

2. Each church shall have the right to refrain from participating in any part of the associational program which it deems detrimental to its work and welfare.

3. Each church shall have the right to withdraw its membership from the association, but shall not have the right to re-enter the association without examination.

4. The association shall have the right to discipline any church holding membership in it for unsound doctrine or disorderly conduct; and may, when reasoning and persuasion fails, withdraw the hand of fellowship, but in no case shall it have the right to reverse the decisions of any church.

5. No question of dispute from any church shall be considered in this association except to council and then only when the church extends an invitation in writing signed by the moderator and church clerk.

6. All regularly ordained ministers who are members in good standing of the churches of this association are by virtue of their office members of this association. Visiting ministers may be made honorary members and accorded every privilege of the association except making motions and voting.

7. Each delegation shall be qualified upon presenting to the association, through the credentials committee, an authorized statistical letter signed by the pastor (or moderator) and church clerk, together with the stipulated associational dues. Failure to present the proper credentials shall disqualify the delegation.

8. New churches wishing to become members of this association shall present such petitionary letters as shall be authorized by this body.

9. Upon the adoption of the report of the credentials committee the moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship in the name of the association to the delegates, and new and honorary members, and invite them to sit with us.

Article 3. Officers

The officers of this association shall be: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Parliamentarian.

1. It shall be the duty of the moderator to call the association to order and to preside over all sessions thereof. In the absence of the moderator the assistant moderator shall preside, or in his absence the clerk or the senior minister shall preside until the election of a moderator pro tempore. Between sessions the moderator is chairman of the executive committee.

2. It shall be the duty of the assistant moderator to assist the moderator in maintaining order and preside over the association in his absence, or at his request. Between sessions he is a member of the executive committee.

3. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make and keep accurate records of all sessions of the association, to have copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the

churches comprising this association, to make and keep good and accurate records of all meetings of the executive committee, and to enter the same in the minutes of the next session of this association. Between sessions the clerk is secretary of the executive committee.

4. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds paid or donated to the association and to make duly authorized disbursements; to make and keep a good and accurate record of all funds received and disbursed, and to report the same to the association at the annual session. Between sessions he is a member of the executive committee.

5. It shall be the duty of the parliamentarian to familiarize himself with the parliamentary law recognized by the association, and be ready to dispose of any point of order that may be referred to him. Between sessions he is a member of the executive committee.

6. The officers of the association shall be elected by ballot at the beginning of each annual session and shall assume office at the close of the session at which they were elected. No person may be elected to succeed himself more than once.

Article 4. Meetings

This association shall meet in regular session on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September each year. The place of meeting shall be selected by majority vote of all members present; however, no invitation will be accepted by the association unless it is written into the church letter by authority of the church. The delegation from three member churches shall be considered a quorum. All meetings of the boards and committees must be called by their respective chairmen.

Article 5. Finance

Each church shall send with its letter \$5.00 for each hundred members or fractional part thereof. In cases of emergency the association may assess each church proportionately to meet the emergency. The association may also, when it is deemed expedient, ask the churches for a special free will offering.

Article 6. Committees and Boards

1. The session committees of the association are Committee on Committees, Temperance, Obituary, and Resolution. There also may be need for special session committees.

2. The standing committees are Executive, Credential, Program, and Children's Home. Other standing committees may be added as necessity arises.

3. The boards of the association are Home Mission, Foreign Mission, Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League, and Woman's Auxiliary, or any other that may become needful.

4. All committees shall be composed of three members each except the executive committee which shall be composed of the general officers of the association and three additional members elected by the body. The moderator shall appoint the committee on committees.

5. All boards shall consist of three members each except the Home Mission Board which shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be laymen. The moderator shall appoint all board members and present his appointments to the body before end of the session for conformation.

6. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to act for and in behalf of the association between sessions in matters of business that cannot be held over till the next regular session. It shall be the duty of the standing committees to make a thorough study of the department of the work assigned to them and make such recommendations to the association as they deem expedient. It shall be the duty of the session committees to perform the work assigned to them and make such recommendations to the association as they deem expedient. It shall be the duty of the session committee to perform the work assigned to them before session adjourns.

7. The Boards of the association shall be charged with the promotion and oversight of the work of their departments. If, and when, the work of two or more boards overlap they shall work together in this particular.

Article 7. Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order shall serve as parliamentary authority for this association unless otherwise ordered by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present. The parliamentarian shall be furnished with a copy of this work which he shall hold as property of the association.

Article 8. Amendments and Revisions

This constitution may be amended or revised at any regular session of the association provided, however, that notice has been put in writing, along with the proposed amendment or revision, and placed on the table at the last pervious session. The rules of order may be amended or revised at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds majority vote of all the members present.

